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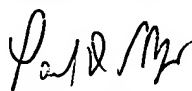
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Respectfully submitted,



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OTHER DOCUMENTS (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	Ross, Chris, British Patent Application Number GB 0307492.9 dated July 28, 2003.

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